

RESOLUTION NUMBER 233
PERCY GREEN

WHEREAS, this honorable Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis has been apprised of the upcoming unveiling of the wax figure of human rights activist Percy Green to be permanently displayed at the Black World Wax Museum; and

WHEREAS, this unveiling will take place Saturday, November 10, 2007 at the Black World Wax Museum which is located on St. Louis Avenue and is St. Louis' only wax museum dedicated to preserving the history and contributions of St. Louisians of African descent; and

WHEREAS, the unveiling of the wax figure of Percy Green culminates a community wide effort began over two years ago to recognize Mr. Green's sacrifice and commitment to our community; and

WHEREAS, Percy Green was one of the founders of the ACTION civil rights organization which fought for twenty years for fairness in housing, education, employment, criminal justice, health care and other issues affecting the quality of life for St. Louis' poor and working class people; and

WHEREAS, Percy Green participated in many efforts to bring about equality and justice from the Jefferson Bank demonstrations in 1963 until now; and

WHEREAS, under Green, ACTION opened many doors of employment for African-Americans at Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, Laclede Gas, Union Electric, Wonder Bread, McDonnell-Douglas Aircraft and in the construction and skills trades; and

WHEREAS, Percy Green's discrimination suit against McDonnell-Douglas reached the US Supreme Court in 1973 and is one of the most cited landmark cases in the Supreme Court's history.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis, that, we pause in our deliberations to recognize the historic unveiling of the wax figure of human rights activist Percy Green at the Black World Wax Museum and by adoption of this resolution wish to join in the upcoming festivities, and we further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy for presentation to the honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 8th day of November, 2007 by:

Honorable Terry Kennedy, Alderman 18th Ward
Honorable Charles Quincy Troupe, Alderman 1st Ward
Honorable Dionne Flowers, Alderwoman 2nd Ward
Honorable Freeman Bosley, Sr., Alderman 3rd Ward
Honorable Samuel L. Moore, Alderman 4th Ward
Honorable April Ford-Griffin, Alderwoman 5th Ward
Honorable Kacie Starr Triplett, Alderwoman 6th Ward
Honorable Marlene Davis, Alderwoman 19th Ward
Honorable Jeffrey Boyd, Alderman 22nd Ward
Honorable Frank Williamson, Alderman 26th Ward
Honorable Gregory J. Carter, Alderman, 27th Ward

Adopted this the 8th day of November, 2007 as attested by:

Denise Watson-Wesley Coleman
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen

